

BATHURST CUP

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May 2019

Dear Players, Spectators, and Supporters,

The Racquet Club of Chicago is honored to have been selected as host of the 2019 Bathurst Cup—the first time it will be contested on our restored tennis court. We are delighted to welcome you to our great city and to The Racquet Club for this special week of world-class amateur competition amongst the four tennis-playing nations of the world.

The Racquet Club's Athletic Committee, co-led by William M. Kinsella and R. Baker Thompson, together with our USCTA representatives, Mason Drake and Jonathan Lewis, have organized a splendid program of events for the week—on, and off the court.

We would like to thank Richard Duggan, Melissa Zorio, Miguel Coronel, John Cashman, Steve Virgona, Conor Medlow, Raul Cantoral, Elmer Saquil and the entire staff of The Racquet Club for everything they've done to prepare for the tournament and ensure the experience is in keeping with the fine traditions of our club. Additionally, we would also like to thank the USCTA for the opportunity to host this esteemed event.

The members and staff of The Racquet Club hope you will enjoy the week's events, and will avail yourself of the Club's hospitality. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can do to make your stay in Chicago as enjoyable as possible.

Play Well!

Stuart D. Lansing
President, Racquet Club of Chicago



May 2019

Dear Players, Spectators, and Supporters,

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the United States Court Tennis Association, I welcome you to the Bathurst Cup.

This is the fifty-seventh playing of the world's premier team tennis championship. Started in 1922, the Bathurst has been held in four countries, including in the U.S. six times before this year: in Tuxedo (1969); New York (1969 and 2011); Newport (1984 and 1994); Philadelphia (1989) and Aiken (2002). This is also the last Bathurst before the competition returns for its centennial in London in 2022.

The U.S. has captured the Bathurst nine times but the last victory was exactly fifty years ago in New York in 1969. We hope on the golden anniversary of that historic victory, powered by the Bostwick brothers, that we can reclaim the cup.

The United States Court Tennis Association, the national governing body, is thrilled to have the Bathurst back in the country. Many many thanks to Jeremy Wintersteen. Along with the rest of the Bathurst Academy Committee—Simon Aldrich, Ben Cook, John Lumley Danny McBride and Conor Medlow—Jeremy has spearheaded a remarkable Bathurst revival: a renewed focus on our top amateurs, with annual training weekends and clear selection criteria, which has led to improved handicaps, a stronger, more cohesive squad and better results.

We warmly thank the Racquet Club of Chicago. We are excited about having the Bathurst in a new city, especially at such a splendid club with such a gorgeous, beautifully restored court, a wonderful history and legendary membership. In particular, we thank Max Drake, Marty Kinsella, Stuart Lansing, Jonathan Lewis, Baker Thompson, and Melissa Zorio, as well as RCC's great pro shop with John Cashman, Conor Medlow and Steve Virgona.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Zug". The signature is stylized and fluid.

James Zug
President, United States Court Tennis Association



May 2019

Dear Players, Spectators, and Supporters,

The U.S. Court Tennis Preservation is honored to be supportive of the 2019 Bathurst Cup being played in Chicago. This storied event displays amateur court tennis at its global best.

The Foundation is pleased to support the efforts of the USCTA and the Bathurst Cup Committee. Working with Jeremy Wintersteen, the Foundation supported the training of the US team and some expenses for the event itself. Representing the Foundation in these efforts have been board members Jane Lippincott, Simon Aldrich and Jim Zug.

Since its founding over 20 years ago, the Foundation has worked diligently to encourage the restoration and construction of new courts as well as strengthen our player development efforts. To have the Bathurst Cup played on the magnificent Chicago Court, recently brought back to its former magnificence, is heartening. To have a well-supported competitive US team competing on the court is especially so.

The Foundation is supported by the generosity of the court tennis community. Via our programs and endowments we seek to support all within the game. If you would like to learn more about us, please refer to our website www.usctpf.org or contact any of us directly.

We are very optimistic about the future of our game, both in the U.S. and around the world, and are thankful for all those who support court tennis.

Sincerely,

William F. McLaughlin, Jr.
Board Chairman, United States Court Tennis Preservation Foundation

BATHURST CUP

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The Racquet Club of Chicago is hosting the 57th Bathurst Cup. Our game's preeminent international amateur team competition, the Bathurst Cup is currently contested every two years between the court tennis playing countries. Lady Bathurst, the wife of the 7th Earl Bathurst started the competition in 1922. She owned the Morning Post, which she later sold and which subsequently became the Daily Telegraph. Lady Bathurst donated the actual Bathurst Cup to the Tennis and Rackets Association. The version here in Chicago is a replica of the original, which is enormous and impressive.

The first competition in 1922 was between Great Britain and France. The United States began competing in 1923 and Australia in 1955. The hosting of the competition now rotates between the four countries.

The Bathurst Cup brings together the world's top amateurs for biennial competition and is the game's best assemblage of amateur talent. National amateur tournaments rarely attract the same quality and depth of field so it is a unique and special tournament. Matches are three out of five sets and each team contest consists of four singles matches and one doubles. Dead rubbers are generally played two out of three sets.

Seeds are based on player handicaps and this year's first and second seeds are Great Britain and France. Australia was drawn to play Great Britain in the first round and the United States will play France. Great Britain has won the Bathurst Cup forty one times, followed by the United States with nine, and Australia with six. Australia has been on a hot streak and has won the last four Cups and five out of the last six. Will Australia continue its recent dominance, will France win its first Cup, will Great Britain get its forty-second, or will the U.S. win on its home soil?

TOURNAMENT AND EVENT SCHEDULE

All are welcome and encouraged to attend matches and club events. Please see the sign up sheet in the Pro Shop or contact the professionals to attend the Tournament Dinner (all welcome and encouraged to attend).

Monday, May 13th – Tournament Day 1

Singles Matches – 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm

Great Britain vs. Australia & France vs. United States

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Cocktail Party – 5:00pm – all welcome (business attire)

Tuesday, May 14th – Tournament Day 2

Doubles Matches – 3:00pm & 5:00pm

Great Britain vs. Australia & France vs. United States

Wednesday, May 15th – Tournament Day 3

Reverse Singles Matches – 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm

Great Britain vs. Australia & France vs. United States

Thursday, May 16th – Tournament Day 4 (Finals and 3rd / 4th place)

Singles Matches – 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm

Friday, May 17th – Tournament Day 5 (Finals and 3rd / 4th place)

Doubles Matches – 12:00pm & 2:00pm

White Sox Baseball Game – 7:00pm (players, spouses and tournament organizers)

Saturday, May 18th – Tournament Day 6 (Finals and 3rd / 4th place)

Reverse Singles Matches – 10:00am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:00pm

Awards Ceremony – on court and following last match

Tournament Dinner – Racquet Club Dining Room 7:00pm (approx.) – all welcome (business attire)

PLAYER BIOS



Jonathan Crowell (Captain)



Hand – R

DOB – 8/29/83

Home Club – Racquet Club of Philadelphia

Singles Handicap – 10

Doubles Handicap – 11.1

Started Playing – 2010

Titles - 2019 US Amateur Doubles Winner, 2018 Silver Racquet Winner, 2017 Silver Racquet Winner, RCOP Singles Club Champion 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, RCOP Doubles Club Champion 2013, 2014, 2018

Profile - This is Jon's third Bathurst Cup and first as captain. After travelling to both Hobart and Paris in 2015 and 2017, Jon is excited to welcome the Bathurst Cup onto American soil and host our fellow competitors this year. Jon started playing court tennis in 2010 after joining the Racquet Club of Philadelphia. His roots in squash, playing in both junior tournaments and at the collegiate level, served him well when switching to this new sport, but he has also loved the challenge of improving his game.

Jon has travelled consistently within the US to play tournaments in other cities and hopes to do some more international competition soon. His wife Sydney is generous to accompany him frequently to these events and put up with his time away from home. This is Jon's 10th year playing court tennis and he hopes for another 10 years of high-level competition to follow.



Patrick Winthrop



Hand – R

DOB – 5/14/87

Home Club – National Tennis Club at International Tennis Hall of Fame (Newport)

Singles Handicap – 10.7

Doubles Handicap – 8.4

Started Playing – 1998 at age 11

Titles - Multiple US Junior championships, one Australian Junior Championship, six US Amateur Mixed doubles championships, two US Amateur singles championships, three US Amateur Doubles championships, numerous club championships, and both the Gold and

Silver Racquet tournaments.

Profile - Patrick Winthrop was born and raised in Newport, Rhode Island around a ten-minute walk from Newport's court tennis court. He participated in many sports throughout his childhood, but at age eleven was shown Court Tennis mainly due to the efforts of the National Tennis Club's newly founded junior program. Many of Patrick's family members are active court tennis players including his sister, parents, grandmother, and wife.

Patrick attended the University of Rhode Island and graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. During his time at URI he attended the University of Melbourne for a semester where he was able to drop his Handicap to below a 10.

This Bathurst cup will be Patrick's third, having travelled to both Hobart and Paris with his wife Alexandra. Patrick is honored and excited to be a part of this year's Bathurst team and looks forward to competing with his compatriots in front of a home crowd.



Peter Cipriano



Hand – R

DOB – 7/9/87

Home Club – Racquet & Tennis Club (New York)

Singles Handicap – 12.2

Doubles Handicap – 8.9

Started Playing – 2010

Titles - 2014 Etchebaster Winner, 2018 & 2019 Gold Racquet Winner, 2015 R&T Club Champion, 2018 Pell Cup Winner,

2x US Amateur Doubles Finalist, 2x Silver Racquet Finalist, 2017 British Open Rackets Doubles Winner, 4x US Amateur Rackets Doubles Winner

Profile - Standing at just 5'8", Peter Cipriano is by far the shortest member of the US team. After playing varsity squash at Bowdoin College and focusing on his squash doubles on the amateur and SDA circuits between 2010 and 2014, he picked up Court Tennis and Rackets at the Racquet and Tennis Club in New York. Having the opportunity to play and practice with great players and professionals regularly at the R&T allowed Peter to improve his Tennis game enough to crack the top 5 in the US Amateur rankings list in 2015.

When he isn't working, playing obscure racquet sports or spending time with his wife Dana and baby daughter Bella, he can probably be found glued to the television watching his favorite club, Manchester United. Peter is very excited to participate in his first Bathurst Cup competition and looks forward to competing against the world's best amateurs.



Todd Meringoff



Hand – R

DOB – 5/7/74

Home Club – Tennis and Racquet Club (Boston)

Singles Handicap – 14.8

Doubles Handicap – 9.8

Started Playing – 2010

Titles - US Amateur Court Tennis and Racquets Championships in singles and doubles; T&R club championship

Profile - Todd Meringoff grew up a lawn tennis player, having played at Harvard University and then on the ATP/ITF tour for three years. He was introduced to the game of racquets by his first hiring manager in the corporate world (only later learning why he was hired) and rose to become the top-ranked North American amateur racquets player.

In 2010, he turned his sites to court tennis, and astonishingly with his 2018 US Amateur court tennis doubles title, is the only person ever to have won US Amateur racquets and court tennis championships in both singles and doubles. Todd has two young daughters (6 and 3) who are very curious about these different racquet sports and why their dad does not wear any eye protection. Todd is thrilled to be competing for the first time alongside his teammates on the US team for the Bathurst Cup.



Jamie Douglas (Captain)



Hand – R

DOB – 3/29/87

Home Club – Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)

Singles Handicap – +1

Doubles Handicap – 4.7

Started Playing – 2004

Titles - 9 Gold Rackets, 3 British Amateur Singles,
5 British Amateur Doubles

Profile - Jamie Douglas is a Trader at Goldman Sachs, working in London. He picked up Real Tennis when in his last year of school, playing at the Jesmond Dene Real Tennis Club in Newcastle. However, he started playing seriously at Cambridge University where he achieved his best handicap of +2 and had the fortune of winning 2 Premier League Titles with Rob Fahey.

Since then Jamie has won 9 MCC Gold Rackets, 3 British Amateur Singles and 5 British Amateur Doubles titles as well as a Bathurst Cup.

Jamie will be playing in his 6th Bathurst Cup in Chicago.



Edmund Kay



Hand – R

DOB – 7/2/92

Home Club – Cambridge

Singles Handicap – 0.7

Doubles Handicap – 1.2

Started Playing – 2011

Titles - Amateur singles champion 2011, 2 x MCC silver racket,
4 varsity match wins for Cambridge University, captain of
Cambridge's 2017 Pol Roger winning team.

Profile - Ed started playing in his second year at university, coming from a background of lawn tennis and rackets. He spent 8 years at Cambridge University doing a master's and subsequent PhD in Engineering. He still lives in Cambridge and is now working as a data scientist for a fraud detection company. This will be his second Bathurst Cup and he's looking to go one better after coming agonisingly close against the Australian team in Paris in 2017.



Jamie Giddins



Hand – R

DOB – 2/4/94

Home Club – Queen's Club, MCC

Singles Handicap – 4.5

Doubles Handicap – 6.3

Started Playing – 2010

Titles - US Amateur Singles Champion 2018 & 2019,
UK Amateur Doubles Champion 2019

Profile - Jamie Giddins works at PwC in London, living close to The Queen's Club where he now plays and first tried out the game. Having played rackets at school, he started to play more regular real tennis during his rackets fellowship to Chicago at the time the court was reopening. He subsequently moved to Cambridge for university, playing regularly with Ed Kay, with whom he competed in Varsity matches.

More recently, Jamie has won the 2018 and 2019 US Amateur Singles and the 2019 UK Amateur Doubles Championship with Ed. This is Jamie's first Bathurst Cup, stepping up from the Van Alen Cup and Limb Trophy. Jamie would like to thank the USCTA for their kind hospitality and the T&RA for their continued support.



Tim Batten (Captain)



Hand – R

DOB – 10/7/63

Home Club – Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume de Paris

Singles Handicap – 18.2

Doubles Handicap – 22.2

Started Playing – 1997

Titles - Winner of the Doubles Gold Racquet several times;
Runner up of the Singles Gold Racquet

Profile – Participated in first Bathurst Cup in 1999 and has been the French captain since 2006



Matthieu Sarlangue



Hand – R

DOB – 8/14/92

Home Club – Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume de Paris

Singles Handicap – 2.6

Doubles Handicap – 1.9

Started Playing – 2007

Titles - 9 times French Amateur winner Singles and Doubles; Manchester Gold Racket winner 2013; British Open Amateur Singles winner 2014; U.S Open Amateur Singles winner 2015; British Open Amateur Singles winner 2017

Profile – 4th Bathurst Cup



Nicolas Victor



Hand – R

DOB – 9/10/76

Home Club – Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume de Paris

Singles Handicap – 9.9

Doubles Handicap – 8.8

Started Playing – 2007

Profile – I came to the “jeu de paume” game from lawn tennis. I started playing real tennis in Cambridge in 2000, and then thoroughly enjoyed playing intensively in Oxford the game for 5 years, reaching a handicap of +2.2 in 2005. I participated in the Bathurst cup in 2000, 2002, 2004 for France, won the Oxford 0-9 tournament, went twice to the National League final partnering another amateur. I then moved to New York, and then to Asia which forced me to stay away from the game for a few long years. But I am now back on court as often as work and family permits, winning with Mathieu the U.S. Amateur Doubles, the U.S. Silver Racquet in singles, going recently to the final of the U.S. Gold Racquet and winning a few Whitney Cups with the N.Y. Racquet and Tennis Club.



Charles-Antoine (Charlie) Hurstel



Hand – R

DOB – 8/1/88

Home Club – Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume de Paris

Singles Handicap – 18.1

Doubles Handicap – 20.4

Started Playing – 2008

Profile – Charles-Antoine Hurstel, born in 1988, is a lawyer in Paris, where he picked up the game of “Jeu de Paume” in 2008.

Charles-Antoine then moved to Durham and played at Newcastle, in the great Jesmond Dene Real Tennis Club. He won the club championship and one Jesmond Dene Cup.

This is Charles-Antoine’s first Bathurst Cup and he is very excited to meet all of the players and thankful for being given the chance to represent France for this amazing competition.



Alastair Ramsay (Captain)



Hand – R

DOB – 2/16/81

Home Club – Hobart

Singles Handicap – 11.8

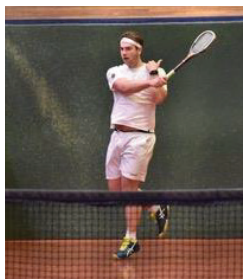
Doubles Handicap – 14.3

Started Playing – 1996

Titles - Australian u26 representative – 2 x Clothier Cup winner, Australian Amateur Junior, 2 x Hobart Club Champion, 8 x Hobart Club Doubles Champion

Profile - Alastair is a Director in the Australian public service in Hobart, Tasmania. Having been introduced by his father he started playing in 1996 and quickly took to the game.

This will be Alastair’s first Bathurst Cup, but he has previous represented Australian in the Clothier Cup in 2001, 2003, and 2005, as well as the Australian Junior Champion. He has won the Hobart Club Championship twice and the Club Doubles title 9 times. His wife, Merran, is travelling with him to Chicago and has been busily researching the city and is looking forward to a week of tennis and exploring.



Michael Williams

Hand – R

DOB – 10/6/92

Home Club – Melbourne/Ballarat

Singles Handicap – 4.4

Doubles Handicap – 7.4

Started Playing – 2007



Titles - Australian Amateur Doubles Champion (2016, 2017) - Australian Amateur Junior Champion, US's National u26 Champion, Bathurst Cup Member 2013, Clothier Cup & George Limb Trophy Representative (2013, 2015 & 2017).

Profile – Michael Williams is a banker in Melbourne where he moved to after growing up in Ballarat where he learnt the game of Real Tennis. His tennis improved quickly as he finished schooling and moved to London to work at the Queens Club as an Intern. Getting hours on court with Bryn Sayers, Andrew Lyons and Conor Medlow his game improved down to the low teens. Returning to Australia to start university and tennis took a slight backseat, however, a reinvigorated last 2 years has seen his game improve to low single figures. He enjoys all sports and is looking forward to a competitive week of tennis.



Graeme Blundstone

Hand – R

DOB – 4/14/77

Home Club – Royal Melbourne Tennis Club

Singles Handicap – 14.4

Doubles Handicap – 15.5

Started Playing – 2008



Titles – 2014 Australian Amateur Singles Finalist and 2016 Australian Amateur Doubles Finalist

Profile – Graeme Blundstone learned the game of Court/Real Tennis in Hobart under the expert (and varied) tutelage of two former US-based pros in Barry Toates and Graham Hyland, before taking his talents to Melbourne and the RMTTC. As for tennis accomplishments, most amateur tournaments of note down under feature the irrepressible force that is Kieran Booth, so, titles are hard to come by, however, making the final of the 2014 Australian Amateur Singles was a highlight. This will be his first Bathurst Cup. Graeme's other interests include being an avid NBA watcher (avowed Portland Trailblazers fan since the 'Clyde the Glide' days) and has recently discovered the joys of tennis photography, which will no doubt lead to the camera getting an extensive workout throughout the week.

BATHURST CUP CHAMPIONS

	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	VENUE
1922	Great Britain	France	5-0	Queen's
1923	USA	France	3-0	Paris
	Great Britain	USA	3-2	Paris
1924	USA	Great Britain	3-1	Queen's
1925	Great Britain	France	5-0	Paris
1926	USA	France	3-0	Prince's
1927	USA	France	3-1	Paris
1928	USA	France	3-0	Queen's
	Great Britain	USA	3-0	Queen's
1929	Great Britain	France	3-0	Paris
1930	Great Britain	USA	5-0	Queen's
1931	USA	France	3-1	Paris
	Great Britain	USA	3-1	Paris
1932	Great Britain	USA	3-0	Queen's
1933	USA	France	3-2	Paris
	Great Britain	USA	3-0	Paris
1934	France	USA	3-2	Queen's
	Great Britain	France	3-0	Queen's
1935	France	USA	3-1	Paris
	Great Britain	France	3-0	Paris
1937	Great Britain	France	4-0	Paris
1938	Great Britain	France	3-0	Queen's
1939	Great Britain	France	5-0	Paris
1947	Great Britain	France	3-2	Paris
1948	USA	France	5-0	Queen's
1949	USA	France	3-2	Paris
	USA	Great Britain	3-2	Paris
1950	Great Britain	France	5-0	Queen's
	Great Britain	USA	3-1	Queen's
1951	Great Britain	France	4-1	Paris
1954	Great Britain	France	3-0	Bordeaux
1955	Great Britain	USA	4-1	Queen's
	Great Britain	Australia	3-0	Queen's
1957	Great Britain	France	5-0	Paris
1958	USA	Great Britain	3-0	Queen's

BATHURST CUP CHAMPIONS (CONTINUED)

	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	VENUE
1960	USA	Great Britain	3-2	Queen's
1962	Great Britain	France	4-1	Paris
1966	USA	France	5-0	Paris
1969	Great Britain	Australia	4-0	Melbourne
	USA	Great Britain	3-2	Tuxedo and New York
1975	Great Britain	Australia	5-0	Melbourne
	Great Britain	USA	5-0	Melbourne
1978	Great Britain	France	4-1	Paris
	USA	Australia	5-0	Paris
	Great Britain	USA	3-2	Paris
1980	Great Britain	France	5-0	Lord's
1982	Australia	USA	3-2	Melbourne
	Australia	GB	4-1	Melbourne
1983	Great Britain	France	5-0	Bordeaux
	Great Britain	Australia	4-1	Bordeaux
1984	Australia	USA	3-2	Newport
	Great Britain	Australia	4-1	Newport
1985	Australia	USA	3-0	Hobart
	Great Britain	Australia	4-1	Hobart
1986	Great Britain	France	5-0	Queen's
	USA	Australia	4-1	Queen's
	Great Britain	USA	3-1	Queen's
1987	Australia	France	4-1	Paris
	Great Britain	Australia	5-0	Paris
1988	Australia	USA	5-0	Ballarat
	Great Britain	Australia	3-2	Ballarat
1989	Great Britain	France	5-0	Philadelphia
	USA	Australia	3-2	Philadelphia
	Great Britain	USA	3-2	Philadelphia
1990	Australia	France	3-2	Queen's
	Great Britain	Australia	5-0	Queen's
1991	Australia	France	3-2	Melbourne
	Great Britain	USA	5-0	Melbourne
	Great Britain	Australia	4-1	Melbourne

BATHURST CUP CHAMPIONS (CONTINUED)

	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	VENUE
1992	Australia	France	3-2	Bordeaux
	Great Britain	Australia	5-0	Bordeaux
1994	USA	France	3-0	Newport
	Great Britain	USA	3-2	Newport
1996	Australia	France	5-0	Leamington
	Great Britain	USA	5-0	Leamington
	Great Britain	Australia	5-0	Leamington
1999	Australia	France	5-0	Hobart
	Great Britain	USA	4-1	Hobart
	Great Britain	Australia	3-2	Hobart
2000	Great Britain	France	4-1	Paris
	Australia	USA	5-0	Paris
	Great Britain	Australia	4-1	Paris
2002	Great Britain	USA	5-0	Aiken
	France	Australia	4-1	Aiken
	Great Britain	France	5-0	Aiken
2004	Great Britain	Australia	4-1	Manchester
	USA	France	4-1	Manchester
	Great Britain	USA	5-0	Manchester
2006	Australia	Great Britain	3-1	Melbourne
2008	Great Britain	USA	5-0	Paris
	Australia	France	4-1	Paris
	Great Britain	Australia	4-1	Paris
2011	Great Britain	France	4-1	New York
	Australia	USA	4-1	New York
	Australia	Great Britain	5-0	New York
2013	Australia	USA	5-0	Holyport
	Great Britain	France	5-0	Holyport
	Australia	Great Britain	3-2	Holyport
2015	Australia	France	4-1	Hobart
	Great Britain	USA	4-1	Hobart
	Australia	Great Britain	3-2	Hobart
2017	Great Britain	USA	5-0	Paris
	Australia	France	4-1	Paris
	Australia	Great Britain	3-2	Paris

LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE

May 2019

Dear Players, Spectators, and Supporters,

On behalf of the Bathurst Cup Committee of Management, we hope you are enjoying the 57th Bathurst Cup. Over a year of planning has gone into this effort and we are pleased the week is upon us.

We welcome the fourteen English, French, Australian, and American players and look forward to watching them compete for their countries. Many thanks go to the United States Court Tennis Association (USCTA), the United States Court Tennis Preservation Foundation (USCTPF), and the Racquet Club of Chicago. In addition to providing the financial support as host country, the USCTA and USCTPF have been collaborating on an extensive Player Development Program (PDP). Now in its fifth year, the PDP is working to attract new players to the game, develop junior talent, grow the number of female players, and improve our top amateurs. A Bathurst Academy Sub-Committee has been working over the years to motivate, train, and improve our country's best amateurs. Special thanks go to the Racquet Club of Chicago for hosting the Bathurst Cup. It is a big commitment to undertake so our appreciation goes out to the club's staff, board, and membership. Many thanks also go to Ryan Carey, who is streaming the competition so that it can be watched by all. Streaming showcases our sport and is very important to its growth.

Players in the United States were thrilled when the Chicago court was brought back into existence in 2012. The court has been a very busy one and has hosted a U.S. Open, USCTA National League matches, several World Championship Eliminators, and numerous USCTA national championships. The Pro Shop and Tennis Program are led by professionals John Cashman, Steve Virgona, and Conor Medlow with Max Drake and Jonathan Lewis serving on the USCTA Board.

For those of you who are familiar with court tennis, we hope you find the play to be inspiring and that it will lead you to work on your games. For those new to the game, we hope it leads you to pick up a racquet and give it a try. You'll be hooked in no time!

Enjoy the Bathurst Cup and may the best team win.

BATHURST CUP COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:

Simon Aldrich, John Cashman, Ben Cook, Max Drake, Jonathan Lewis,
John Lumley, Danny McBride, Conor Medlow, Steve Virgona,
Jeremy Wintersteen (Chair)

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

BATHURST CUP COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:

Simon Aldrich, John Cashman, Ben Cook, Max Drake,
Jonathan Lewis, John Lumley, Danny McBride, Conor Medlow,
Steve Virgona, Jeremy Wintersteen (Chair)

BATHURST CUP COMMITTEE:

Tim Batten, Jon Crowell, Jamie Douglas, Max Drake,
Alastair Ramsay, Steve Virgona (Ex-Officio)

TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER:

Steve Virgona

MARKERS:

Conor Medlow, Steve Virgona, Rob Whitehouse

STREAMING:

Ryan Carey

BATHURST CUP RULES

1) The Competition

- a) The Competition is for International Male Amateur Tennis Teams and shall be called the "Bathurst Cup".
- b) Title to the Competition shall be held by the Tennis and Rackets Association in recognition of the Competition's origins and the cup presented to it by Lilius Countess Bathurst in May 1922.
- c) The Competition shall be managed by the International Real Tennis Committee, hereinafter referred to as the IRTC, which shall determine the Rules under which the Competition is played.

2) Frequency & Venue

- a) The Competition shall be held during the calendar year two years after the year in which the previous Competition was held.
- b) The country in which the Competition is played (the Host country) shall rotate in sequence round the participating countries, or as determined from time to time by the IRTC.
- c) In the event that a country is unable or unwilling to host a specific Competition, the venue for that event shall default to the next country in the cycle. However, any country that is displaced under this rule shall regain its original position in the next cycle.
- d) The precise dates and schedule of play for each Competition shall be decided by the Host country, in line with parameters determined by the IRTC.
- e) The court on which the Competition is played shall be determined by the Host country, subject to its approval as an acceptable court by the IRTC.

3) Finance

- a) The Host country shall be responsible for the payment of all tennis related costs (i.e. match courts, practice courts, the provision of balls, markers and referees).
- b) The players, or their National Associations, shall be responsible for all travel expenses, subsistence costs and hotel bills, although where possible the Host club should endeavor to assist with billeting.
- c) It is customary for the Host country to hold a "Welcoming Drinks Party" and an "End of Tournament Dinner", the payment for which shall be at the discretion of the Host country.

4) Competition Format

- a) The Competition shall be open to teams of amateur players representing the governing body for Tennis (National Association) in the UK, the USA, Australia and France, plus the National Association of any other country which:
 - i) has an active Real Tennis Court; and
 - ii) has players; and
 - iii) the participation of which in the Competition is unanimously agreed by the IRTC to be in the best interests of the Competition.
- b) A Team shall consist of not more than six players, of whom not less than two and not more than four players from any one country may be nominated to play in any Tie. In exceptional circumstances, as defined in Rule 9(c)-(e), and in any dead Rubber, teams shall be permitted to nominate substitutes.

- c) Each Tie shall be decided by the combined results of four Singles Matches and one Doubles Match and the country which wins the majority of Matches shall be the winner of the Tie.
- d) Each Match shall consist of the best of five six-game sets, except as provided for in Rule 10(b).
- e) The Championships shall be played under the “Laws of Tennis” and any “Tournament Rules and Procedures” applicable in the Host country except that these Championship Rules shall take precedence in any cases where there is conflict between the two.

5) Eligibility

- a) Any male tennis player, who has not previously represented any country in the Bathurst Cup, shall be eligible for selection by the National Association of a country named in Rule 4(a), or whose participation in the Competition is approved under that Rule, if:
 - i) he is recognized as an amateur player by that National Association, and
 - ii) he was born in that country; or
 - iii) his natural mother or father were born in that country, or
 - iv) he is a citizen of that country, or
 - v) he has been continuously resident in that country during the immediately preceding four years; or
 - vi) he has dual nationality and elects to make himself available to represent that country.
- b) Any player who has already represented a country in the Competition, but wishes to make himself available to represent another country may do so, provided:
 - i) he does not represent a different country in successive Competitions
 - ii) he is recognized as an amateur player by the National Association of that country, and
 - iii) he is a citizen of that country, and
 - iv) he has been continuously resident in that country during the immediately preceding four years.
- c) A player shall be deemed to have represented a country if he has been nominated to play and accepted that nomination to play in any Tie for that country in the Competition.
- d) Any questions arising in respect of this Rule shall be resolved at the sole discretion of the IRTC whose decision shall be final.

6) Host Country

- a) Not less than 18 months before the start of the year in which the next Competition is scheduled, the Secretary of the IRTC shall consult the governing body of Tennis in the scheduled Host country and if necessary the governing bodies of Tennis in other potential Host countries, to determine which country will host the Competition.
- b) The Host country shall confirm in writing not less than 15 months before the start of the year in which the Competition will be held that it will host the Competition and at the same time shall provide full details of the proposed venue and dates for the event.
- c) The Chairman of the IRTC shall consult with IRTC members, as necessary, and reply to such proposals within three months of their receipt.
- d) Provided that no IRTC Members take exception to the proposals, the Chairman of the IRTC shall concurrently give notice to that effect to the governing body of Tennis in each of the other playing countries.

7) Nomination of Teams

- a) Any country wishing to compete in the Competition shall give notice of such to the Host country, with copies to the Chairman of the IRTC and to the governing body of Tennis in each of the other playing countries, such notice to be received not less than six months before the date proposed for the commencement of the Competition.
- b) Not less than four weeks before the date fixed for the commencement of the Competition, each Competing Country shall nominate to the Host country a Team Captain and a Team of not more than six players without necessarily specifying who shall play in Singles and Doubles. Different players may be nominated by a Competing Country for different Ties in the same Competition.
- c) The Team Captain may be a playing or non-playing member of the Team, but if a playing member, he shall count as one of the nominated players.

8) Committees

- a) Not less than six weeks before the date fixed for the commencement of the Competition, the Host Country shall appoint a Committee of Management and send notice of the composition thereof to all Competing Countries together with a copy of the Laws of Tennis and any Tournament Rules and Procedures in force in the Host country.
- b) Not less than three weeks before the date fixed for the commencement of the Competition, the Committee of Management shall publish and circulate to all the competing countries a schedule of the times of all Matches and Practice sessions, in accordance with Rule 10 below.
- c) A Cup Committee shall also be formed which shall consist of the Captains of the Teams representing the Competing Countries (or one nominee of each) and, if that results in a Cup Committee having an even number of members, one member of the Committee of Management shall be co-opted. The Cup Committee shall be responsible for resolving any issues relating to the day to day running of the Competition.

9) Nomination of Players

- a) Not less than twenty four hours before the time fixed for the start of play in each Tie, or forthwith upon the completion of the preceding Tie (whichever is the later), each Captain shall nominate to the Committee of Management and to the Cup Committee two players for Singles and two for Doubles from the six players nominated under 7(b) above. The same two players may be nominated for the Singles and Doubles.
- b) In each Tie each player nominated for the Singles by one team shall play a match against each of the two players nominated for the Singles by the opposing team, except in the case of dead rubbers when substitutes may be allowed. The order of play of the Ties and the matches of those Ties shall be decided by lot. The nominated Doubles pairs for the two teams shall play a match.
- c) If any player nominated under 7(b) above suffers illness, injury or accident, or any other unforeseen circumstance or reason accepted by the Committee of Management, after such nomination, but prior to nomination under 9(a) above, his Captain shall forthwith notify the Committee of Management and the Captains of each other team. The Committee of Management then has the right, if so requested by such player's Captain, to sanction the substitution of another player not so nominated under 7(b) above.

If any player nominated under 9(a) above suffers illness, injury or accident prior to the start of play in any match in the relevant Tie, his Captain shall notify the Cup Committee and the Captain of the opposing Team. The Cup Committee then has the right, if so requested

by such player's Captain, to sanction the substitution in that match of another of the players nominated under 7(b) above or, in exceptional circumstances, of a player not so nominated. For the avoidance of doubt, a player nominated to play Singles, who is unfit to play in the first Single, may nevertheless play in the reverse Single and/or the Doubles if so nominated under 9(a) above.

- d) The relevant Committee (i.e. the Committee of Management in 9(a) and the Cup Committee in 9(d)) may refuse to sanction any substitutions sought under 9(c) or 9(d) above, if it doubts the good faith of any person concerned. In particular, the relevant Committee may ask for appropriate evidence of a player's inability to play.

10) The Draw

- a) The draw and the times of matches and practice sessions (subject to 11(a) below) shall be decided by the Committee of Management on the basis that:
 - i) If four or more countries compete two teams should be seeded; the other teams shall be drawn;
 - ii) The seeds shall be decided by the aggregate total of the Singles Handicaps of the best two players nominated for a team, as displayed on the RTO Website on the closing date for nominations in Rule 7(b). Note: it is expected that teams will only nominate players in their teams who genuinely expect to participate in the event.
 - iii) If an odd number of countries is competing in a Competition the top seed shall receive the benefit of any available bye rounds;
 - iv) The Committee of Management shall organise play so that no player shall be obliged to play more than one match in any one day unless otherwise agreed by the Captain of his team;
 - v) In each Tie, the Doubles Match shall be the third Match played;
 - vi) The necessary matches to determine Third and Fourth places shall be played in all cases;
- b) The dead Rubbers shall be played in all cases. These matches and those referred to in 10(a)(vi) shall be the best of three sets other than, in exceptional circumstances, when by mutual consent of the team captains concerned and by the approval of the Cup Committee it shall be decided to play them to the best of five sets;
- c) Each Team shall be allocated reasonable practice time at a reasonable hour; and in any event not less than two consecutive hours court time shall be made available to each team between 0800 and 2000 on each of the two days prior to their participation in the Cup.

11) Rules and Regulations

- a) The Laws of Tennis and any Tournament Rules and Procedures in force in the Host Country, as sent to all Competing Countries under 8(a) above, shall apply; except that Rule 11(c) shall apply and dress requirements in all matches shall be as follows:
 - i) Predominantly white clothing (excluding footwear) shall be worn in all matches, but coloured tracksuits are permitted during warm-ups. In this context predominantly shall mean not less than 80% of each article of clothing;
 - ii) Overt advertising shall be minimised and restricted in any event to three separate areas of up to 26 cm² (4 in²) and one of up to 52 cm² (8 in²). No other advertising shall be permitted without the approval of the IRTC.
- b) Markers and Referees shall be appointed by the Committee of Management as necessary.
- c) In cases where both Team Captains for a Match agree that a Referee is not required, the Marker shall assume the normal duties of the Referee. Otherwise the role of the Referee shall be to keep a record of the score and assist the Marker in cases where the

Marker is in doubt, or is unsighted, and requests assistance. Players may not appeal either to the Marker or the Referee.

12) Conduct

- a) Players shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the etiquette, sportsmanship and exemplary standards of behaviour expected of the sport. In particular, competitors must:
 - i) Abide by the laws and spirit of the game;
 - ii) Not use excessive force, when aiming directly for the Dedans from in front of the Service Line at the Hazard End. This shall be the responsibility of each player, but the marker shall warn any player who he considers to be using excessive force.,
 - iii) Ensure that play throughout is expeditious, especially in changing ends and in being ready to serve and receive service;
 - iv) Accept the decisions of referees, markers and other officials without question or protest;
 - v) Exercise self control at all times;
 - vi) Treat their opponents and fellow participants with due respect at all times;
 - vii) Accept success, failure, victory or defeat with good grace and without excessive display of emotion;
 - viii) Not behave in any other way that is likely to bring the game into disrepute (e.g. by using banned substances or participating in organised betting),
 - ix) Coaching and tactical advice may be undertaken only by a team's Captain and by a player's partner in a doubles match. The Captain may delegate this responsibility to another member of the team, or to a professional or a non-player, at any time or for any length of time, provided that Captain of the opposing team is advised of the change. Professional coaches must not be from the host Club. Coaching and tactical advice may only be given when players change ends and must not interrupt the natural flow of play. The coach may not go on to the court.

13) Resolution of Disputes

- a) Subject to 11 above, all questions relating to the appointment of Referees and Markers, the supply and quality of balls, the conditions of the court and the allocation of practice times by the Committee of Management shall be conclusively decided by the Cup Committee.
- b) The Committee of Management shall be empowered to decide any disciplinary matters, appeals or disputes arising among countries participating in the Competition and the Committee's decision on all such matters appeals and disputes shall be final.
- c) All other questions not specifically provided for in these Rules shall be decided by the IRTC whose decision shall be final.

14) Rule Changes

Any changes to these Rules shall require the approval of the IRTC in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 8(b) and 8(c) of the IRTC Terms of Reference.

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